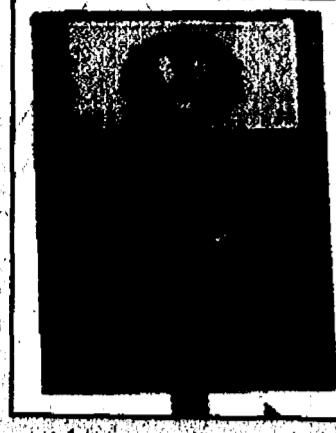


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SPORTS

Hunters hang 40 bucks during Orangecat Roundup



Hunters didn't fill the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop during the two-day Orangecat Roundup event this past weekend, but they displayed more deer than last year. This year's buck pole featured a total of 40 deer - 23 on opening day (Saturday) and 17 on Sunday. **1B**

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Teams gearing up for winter sports seasons



The 2008-09 winter sports season for Grayling High School, which includes basketball, wrestling, skiing, and cheerleading, is almost here. Most teams began their official practices this week, and games and meets will start in December. **1B**

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Planners to address high tech job creation in region

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

State and regional planners recently began a study aimed at boosting technological based jobs in northern Michigan.

The Michigan State University (MSU) Center for Community and Economic Development was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to create economic development strategies

for three regions in northern Michigan. Additional funding from MSU will bring the total investment in the project to about \$525,000.

"We want to extend our available knowledge and resources to support and encourage entrepreneurs and investors, in northern Michigan and across the state, to succeed in the 21st century global economy," said Rex LaMore, director of the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development. "At the

end of the day, this is all about positioning these regions and the rest of the state to create good new jobs in the knowledge economy."

MSU faculty and staff will work with three regional partners covering 21 counties in northern Michigan.

The regional planners include:

- The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, which covers Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda

and Presque Isle counties.

- The Northwest Council of Governments, which covers Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford Counties.

- The Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission, which covers Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties.

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Christmas Walk kicks off the holidays



Grayling's annual Christmas Walk, sponsored by the Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA), took place last Saturday night. The event featured a parade along with a variety of activities hosted by uptown Grayling businesses. Top left: Carolers Elizabeth McLaughlin, Kristina Comer and Gloria Neilson collect donations for the Riverhouse Shelter. Top right: The bluegrass band "String Time" playing at Riverland Gear. Pictured (from left) are band members Rick Febey, Jerry Casey and Dave Ross. Center left: Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus join Pastor Bill Cargo for the official lighting of the Christmas tree in front of the county building. Center right: Santa rode in on a horse drawn carriage during "The World's Shortest Parade." Bottom left: Carolyn DiPonio (left) and Pat Schmid (right) spread holiday cheer as living snowmen. Bottom right: "Festival of Trees" organizer April Bertram shows off a tree submitted by the Grayling Promotional Association. For more on the Festival of Trees, see Page 3A.

Hunters donate venison to needy

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Hunters lucky enough to bag a deer or two in the Crawford County area are encouraged to donate meat to the less fortunate.

For nearly two decades, the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger has worked to create a link between deer hunters, wild game processors and charities that feed needy individuals.

The Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger is a volunteer organization led by sportsmen and women concerned about making a positive difference in the community.

Under the program, deer hunters can donate a deer, or a portion of their deer meat, at a licensed, insured wild game processor which takes part in the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger program. The processed meat is then donated to local charities, churches and food banks that provide food to the needy.

The Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger pays the processor 80 cents a pound to cover a portion of their cost.

"It's certainly a charitable act on their part," said John Arundel, the volunteer director for Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger.

The Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger is financially supported by volunteer donations made when people buy a hunting or fishing license through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Web site or from retailers.

Michigan leads the nation in hunting license sales. The state has also led the nation in the increase of working poor families with children from 1975 to 1995.

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Group will share ideas for fire department pact

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A citizens group will meet with administrators from Grayling Charter Township and the City of Grayling to try to hash out a resolution for a lingering fire department lawsuit.

The meeting will be held with Grayling City Manager David Thayer and Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright at AJD Forest Products on Monday, Nov. 24.

Dave Stephenson, the president of

AJD Forest Products and chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, agreed to head the citizens group. The group was formed at a public hearing held by the Grayling Charter Township Board in October.

In January, the township board authorized a lawsuit against the City of Grayling. Township officials are seeking the return of a committee of township and city officials to oversee the operations of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.

The lawsuit was prompted after failed negotiations to renew a mutu-

al operating agreement between the city and the township which expired in June 2007.

The Grayling City Council has proposed that the Grayling City/Township Fire Department be considered as a department of the city and administered by Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

In September, the township board and city council met to discuss a 2009 operating agreement for the Grayling City/Township Fire Department, which was sent to the township in June. A mediation was also held between the parties in

June.

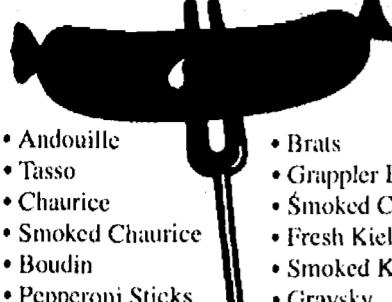
The terms of the 10-year contract call for the township to pay 60 percent of the operating costs for the fire department, with the city covering 40 percent of the expenses.

Also, the township board and city council would meet twice a year to discuss the fire department's policies, budget and other related issues.

The goal of the hearing held by the township board in October was to gain input on the lawsuit and the proposed fire department contract. A majority of citizens believed the

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The price of regular unleaded fuel dropped to \$1.90 on Monday. Many are optimistic that reduced costs will motivate tourists to make the trip to Crawford County this winter.

Falling gas prices may improve winter tourism

by Matt Seager
 Staff Writer

After spiraling to well over four dollars this summer, gas prices in Grayling have recently plummeted to the lowest level they have been in two years. Many are hopeful that the low cost of fuel will jump-start Crawford County's tourist economy.

The price tag on regular unleaded fuel first dropped below the two dollar mark at around noon last Friday. Grayling stations reached this price level more than two weeks later than gas stations in southern Michigan. The Valero station on the I-75 Business Loop was one of the first stations in town to drop below the two dollar mark.

"I've been at this store for 14 months and I don't think it was ever (this low)," said Valero gas station attendant Jodi Sedlak.

The last time the

Grayling Valero sold gas for less than two dollars was in Sept. 2006, when unleaded fuel sold for \$1.96.

Although falling fuel costs are a welcome relief for Grayling residents who are already struggling under a tough economy, local businesses are waiting to see if the change will affect tourism in the local area.

"If we can't get more people coming through, it's not going to help us," said Sedlak.

Frederic Sledheads owner Pete Kocefas is optimistic that falling gas prices could make for an ideal snowmobile season. "I think the gas being down is going to be a big help," said Kocefas.

He said that, at the current price of gas, the cost of filling up a snowmobile tank has dropped from around \$45 to \$25. This alone could give tourists the motivation they need to dust off their sleds this season.

"I know that people as a whole are excited to go,"

said Kocefas.

Another consequence of the struggling economy is that prospective trail riders can pick up a new sled at a relatively low price.

"You can find a nice machine for \$3-5 thousand," said Kocefas. "There's just a ton of used equipment out there."

Ilene Geiss-Wilson, of the Grayling Visitor's Bureau, agreed that the sharp drop in gas prices could be just the boost that Crawford County's tourist economy needs.

"I absolutely think that's going to have a positive impact," said Geiss-Wilson. "Last year, we had comments from people that didn't want to come up sledding because it would cost too much to run their sleds."

Kocefas estimates that 90 percent of Frederic's winter service industry is driven by tourist dollars.

"The Frederic Inn and the Swamp II, they need that business," said Kocefas.

While the drop in gas prices is leaving some busi-

ness owners feeling optimistic, Geiss-Wilson and Kocefas both emphasized that weather conditions are half the battle.

"If we get snow ... I think despite the poor economy people are still going to come up," said Geiss-Wilson.

The recent heavy snowfall is helping to drive this early optimism. Kocefas reports that he has already seen some adventurous snowmobilers out on their sleds, despite the lack of groomed trails or a solid base. Nevertheless, he does not intend to start celebrating early.

"You never know what's going to happen," said Kocefas.

Not everyone is convinced that dropping fuel prices are surefire evidence that Crawford County businesses are about to see improved returns. Charlie Fick, owner of Fick & Sons, reports that people still don't seem to be in a rush to fill up their tanks.

"We have 50 stations statewide and still the sales are down," said Fick.

Some families lack access to adequate home heating

by Matt Seager
 Staff Writer

Things got cold fast last week, with the transition from fall to winter happening in what may have seemed like a blink of an eye. While the winter cold is a mere inconvenience to some Crawford County residents, it is a serious concern to those who do not have access to adequate winter heating.

"This is the time of the year that a lot of people need help," said Irene Dickie of the Crawford County Department of Human Services (DHS).

DHS offers emergency help to many families that do not have the resources to pay winter heating bills.

"There's a lot of people out there that just don't have the money," said Dickie.

She was unable to provide the exact number of families who needed assistance from DHS last year, but said that it was a fairly large number.

She said that many families run into trouble when they find that they don't

have the cash to pay for propane up front.

"A lot of propane companies are not willing to make a delivery on credit," said Dickie.

Individuals in need must fill out an emergency application for heating help. A longer form is required if they are not already receiving DHS assistance.

"There's a lot of people out there that are not receiving assistance that could be eligible," said Dickie.

Although there is sometimes a co-pay for emergency assistance, DHS will often refer people to organizations, like the Salvation Army or the Crawford County Community (CCC) Christian Help Center, for additional help.

These organizations often require a DHS appraisal before they are able to assist with any sort of financial crisis.

"We can help them with a little bit," said CCC Christian Help Center Interim Director Marianne Gosnell.

In the meantime, the

help center's coat program is helping to keep Crawford County residents warm both indoors and outdoors.

"We've been getting hundreds of coats, but they've been going out, too," said Gosnell.

She added that the CCC Christian Help Center is mostly looking for coats for children.

"When Gerry (Schroeder) started this, that's what she had asked for coats for kids," said Gosnell.

Nevertheless, the center will often provide coats to under-dressed adults who come looking to help their children.

"Some of them will say, 'no, it's my children that I'm worried about,'" said Gosnell.

Dickie said that these kinds of concerns are not likely to go away anytime soon.

"I think it is the whole state that is going through the same sort of thing," said Dickie.

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Going on a reading safari



From left: Madison Sprtel, Ryan Pummell, librarian Karen Coe, Warren Bindschat and Tyler Withers check out the reading selection at "Book Fair Safari." The event began at the Grayling Elementary School library on Monday and runs until the end of the week. Proceeds from the event support library programs at both Grayling Elementary and Grayling Primary Schools. "We always do really well. I think part of it is, in our area, we don't even have a book store," said Coe. "It is amazing to me how much parents will spend at this book fair to support our kids ... in spite of the tough economic times we're having."

AuSable River restoration project faces planning permit

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling Charter Township planners will weigh in on a project aimed at providing fish habitat and preserving the vitality of the AuSable River.

The Grayling Charter Township Planning Commission will hear a special use request for Huron Pines at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25, for a large woody debris program for the east and main branches of the AuSable River.

Large woody debris includes downed trees, root tangles, and sunken logs placed in the river to help stabilize the stream bed and banks of the AuSable River. The debris promotes insect reproduction by providing cover and a food source, provides trout habitat, aids in temperature control of the coldwater stream and adds to the vegetative make up of the river.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sport Fish Restoration fund to continue the large woody debris project on the AuSable River.

Large woody debris placed in the river replaces

trees and vegetation depleted during Grayling's logging heyday or vegetation removed by landowners as they developed property on the river.

Steve Sendek, a fish biologist for the DNR's Grayling field office, said the program is critical to restoring the health of the AuSable River and naturally replenishing the trout population.

"The AuSable River is the heart of the community and in order to make it function better, we need to do this work," Sendek said. "This is something that will go a long way toward drawing people here to fish and to recreate on the river and we need to do everything we can to ensure it is done properly."

Huron Pines contracted with the DNR to administer the large woody debris program.

Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright said it was his idea to have Huron Pines request a special use permit for the initiative. The township administers the state's Natural Rivers Act, which provides stringent regulations on activities that can take place on property bordering the river and precludes building too close to

the river. Wright said that township officials have fielded some complaints when trees were being cut near the river.

Wright said township officials will be able to refer to the special use permit and any regulations they put on the project if similar complaints come from residents.

"I think it's going to be the best route for everybody once they have got that permission," Wright said. "We don't really want to get in the way of what they are doing, but yet they need a special use permit to make sure everybody has given their blessing to the project."

The special use permit would address activity that occurs on private land and would not deal with the AuSable River corridor that runs through state and federal forest land.

Brad Jensen, the executive director for Huron Pines, said officials will be pleased to accommodate any concerns from residents and township planners. Jensen said Ken Reed, a staff member who has over three decades of experience with river and fish habitat restoration projects, oversees the large woody debris projects for Huron Pines.

"You either actively man-

age these resources or you're just not going to have them," Jensen said.

Rusty Gates, president of the Anglers of the AuSable, a Grayling based conservation organization, said the township should have been funding and backing river restoration efforts years ago. Gates said that conservationists oppose any regulations that would hinder the overall success of the large wood debris initiative.

"This is one of the most positive programs that has ever happened on the river," Gates said.

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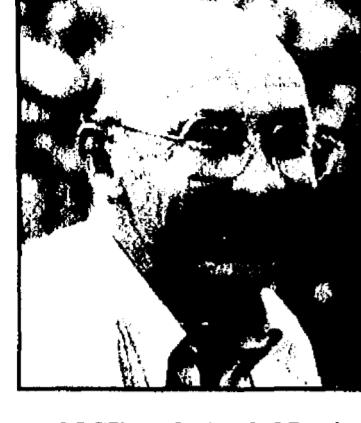
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Issues and Opinions

Almanack

by Richard Milliman

After all, McCain did come in second



MOST ANALYSES of the decisive victory by Democrat Barack Obama in the 2008 presidential election race seem awed by the size of the Obama triumph, as well as the historical popular choice of an African American to lead our country.

In many of these reviews, Republican Sen. John McCain is blamed for his loss almost as much as Mr. Obama is credited for his sweeping victory.

But in light of everything going on at election time, John McCain's performance at the polls wasn't too bad at all. Consider these points:

Mr. McCain was running to succeed an eight year incumbent Republican president whose public acceptance rate was in the low 20 percents – the lowest point for any president in many years.

By a large margin, according to all the polls, Americans believed the country was headed in the wrong direction.

We were embroiled in two unpopular wars, and the outgoing Republican president was blamed for both.

The country hovered between an economic recession and a downright depression, with unemploy-

ment rates nearing double digits, and Mr. McCain's Republican party had been in charge of the whole shebang for eight years. Where else should the public put the blame?

In hindsight, Republicans might better have picked a nominee from outside the Washington loop. How could a candidate who has been part of the Washington process for more than 25 years and the majority party for the last eight years shed complete responsibility for what has been going on in government?

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POLITICAL HISTORY also was against John McCain's quest.

After eight years of one party in charge at the White House, history shows that voters want change. Recent exceptions are the four terms for Franklin Delano Roosevelt, where a world-wide war dictated continuity, and the election of Vice President George H. W. Bush in 1988, to continue the Ronald Reagan era of good feeling.

At the same time, Democrats chose an eloquent, attractive new personality who promised change in Washington, and who put together an outstanding campaign

plan that energized millions of new voters and plenty of older ones, too.

Sure, he was of mixed black-white parentage, but that was part of his appeal, too, and much of the mainstream Washington-New York based media took him to their figurative and collective bosom.

All those factors combined make it a wonder that Candidate McCain came as close as he did. The cards were stacked against him.

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BARACK OBAMA racked up a commanding 365-162 electoral college win, carrying several states with thin margins.

John McCain received 58 million votes, which is more than Democrat John Kerry's vote in 2004, when President George W. Bush needed a nail-biting win in Ohio for a 286-251 electoral college margin.

More than 46 percent of American voters chose Candidate McCain and 52 percent chose Candidate Obama, which is a closer margin than the eventual electoral college count of 365-162 would indicate.

On other words, John McCain received 58 million more votes

than John Kerry, but 89 fewer electoral votes.

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SEVERAL OBSERVERS have pointed to two specific campaign errors that contributed to the McCain loss. One was when he interrupted his campaign to go to Washington during the first bailout crisis, and his appearance made no difference. The second was a misguided selection of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin for vice president.

Shifting focus and seeming disarray within his campaign itself also seemed to hamper Mr. McCain's effectiveness.

I would not argue with these assertions, but political history and America's economic troubles, combined with Barack Obama's charisma and the scope and effectiveness of the Obama campaign, were factors impossible for John McCain to surmount.

In the face of these gigantic odds, Candidate McCain did very well indeed ... and after all, he did finish second.

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CAMPAIGN ADS – Most of us typical voters still are plenty fed up with the onslaught of campaign ads at all levels in the 2008 elec-

tion, many of which were of debatable accuracy and questionable taste.

Most of us felt the same way about the 2004 election, too, when an estimated \$600 million was spent on campaign TV advertising. It was more this year.

After the 2004 campaign, Susan Ager, then a *Detroit Free Press* columnist, proposed doing something about it:

"Most of those (2004 political) ads were simplistic junk, too brief for context. In some cases, the ads were outright lies, and I'm talking about both sides. Can we, by next time, put together a National Organization to Certify Responsible Advertising for the People (NOCRAP)? It would act as an impartial jury to review each ad for accuracy before it could run on the air."

Susan Ager had a terrific idea four years ago, and it sounds even better this time around. Anyone want to start a petition drive? I'll sign.

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Letters to the Editor

I have never had a complaint like this

To the editor:

I was given a letter on Monday night, that a person or persons left on a table at the American Legion, which was signed "Concerned Families of Grayling."

This letter stated that on a Wednesday afternoon I was approached in the bowling alley as to whether or not food was served in the bar area. Let me first say that I have never been asked while being in the bowling alley if food was served in the bar. They also stated that I rudely said "no" and that I said "I was not there to serve them."

I have never, nor would I ever, tell anyone that "I was not there to serve them." She had heard (to put it kindly) that I treat these kids like "a piece of dirt," and that, as a manager, I have poor customer service, a snotty attitude and have been rude to the kids before.

I have ran the Youth Bowling program for three

to four years now. I volunteer two to three times a week to run this program so that the kids of the area have something to do after school and so that they can feel good when they accomplish the feat of bowling.

So, my question to you is, if I am so rude to people and kids, why is it that I have 90 percent of the kids back year after year?

I also have never told any of these children they need to show me respect because these kids have no problem with respect. They are all respectful children.

The only thing that I am guilty of is raising my voice to remind the kids that they are in a bowling alley and not on a playground. When you get 20 and sometimes 30 kids together, they tend to get rowdy and from time to time you have to remind them of such things.

If there wasn't anything for these kids to do, as you put it, they would be home in front of the TV playing

video games.

I have been the manager of the lounge and bowling alley of the American Legion for six and a half years and I have never had a complaint like this.

Now, yes I am not always smiling and I have bad days too, but if I have ever been this way with anyone, I would be woman enough to say "I'm sorry" if it was brought to my attention.

But, to leave a letter on a table in the back room with no names on it, come on now, don't hide behind the "Concerned Families of Grayling," call the Commander of the Post and request to be at the executive board meeting and face me with your concerns. So, as you put it, something can be done to improve the situation.

Sharon L. Johnson, manager of the American Legion Post #106 Lounge and Lanes Grayling

I question the tactics of an officer

To the editor:

On or about Oct. 30, around 2 a.m., my daughter was pulled over by a young deputy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. This deputy followed close behind her from around North Down River Road to near Hartwick Pines via US-27 and M-93.

My daughter and her husband were driving their friend home because he and my son-in-law had too much to drink to drive. He also added a fourth habitual to the charge. This could in fact be told to stay out of the car because he still was not convinced she had not been drinking. He then had her do a PBT which registered 0.00.

Today, Nov. 12, my son-in-law went to court prepared to plead guilty because he realized he was wrong to say the things he said. In court he found out that Prosecutor Huss had decided, because of my son-in-law's past, to change the charges from a civil infraction to a felony. He also added a fourth habitual to the charge. This could in fact place my son-in-law in prison for the next 10 to 15 years if found guilty. There was no assault, resisting or obstructing in this at all as Huss has charged. I do not blame the officer in the game Mr. Huss is playing, but I question his immature tactics as an officer.

The sad thing is now, instead of paying a fine, it is going to cost the family \$3,000 to retain an attorney not to mention the cost to taxpayers to prosecute the case.

David Myers Sr.
Grayling

Our pumpkin people are home

To the editor:

Our prayers were answered. Our pumpkin people are home. We appreciate it that so many people were concerned and were looking. Then, about two weeks after they were taken, a neighbor who was taking her early morning walk saw them. They were in the yard of a house that is for sale on Maple Street.

Next year, we will put

them out again, but this time we will chain them or bring them in every evening. Change is inevitable, and yes, there will be all kinds of detours big and small in our lives, but we must go forward and good can be found in all of life's situations. Please let your children and young folk know this.

RoseMary Nelson
Grayling

Early Deadlines!

Avalanche publishing early for Thanksgiving holiday!

The Crawford County Avalanche will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 25, so newsstand buyers and our local subscribers will receive the November 27th issue before the Thanksgiving holiday.

The deadline for all display ads is 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, to be considered for the Nov. 27th issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by noon Friday, Nov. 21. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by noon, Monday, Nov. 24.

The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and re-open at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28.



Briefs

Angelfood distribution announced

The distribution date for Angelfood will be Saturday, Nov. 22, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Local fourth graders to sell trash bags

The Grayling Elementary 4th graders will be selling Bear Claw Trash bags on Nov. 19 - 30. This fund-raiser will help pay for their field trip to Lansing, where they will learn about state government. If you would like to support the fund-raiser and do not know a 4th grader, contact the school at 989-344-3606, leave a message for Mr. Winton and someone will gladly take your order.

Little League looking for members

The Grayling Little League is looking for a few dedicated individuals to join the Little League Board. Positions are open in all divisions including girls softball, T-Ball, umpires and boys baseball. The board meets once a month throughout the year. If you are interested, plan to attend the next board meeting on Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Grayling Elementary School Conference Room at 7 p.m. Contact Rich Schreiber at 348-4148 or Rocky Tobin at 348-5722 with any questions.

Church to hold Thanksgiving service

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will hold a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. Communion will be served.

Kirtland to hold meeting

The Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees will hold their regular monthly meeting on Nov. 20, at the McGregor Athletic Complex, 310 W. Fifth St., Mio. There will be a tour and informal discussions at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting following at 7 p.m. For information, call 989-275-5000.

Festival of Trees to hold drawing

The GPA Festival of Trees will be open daily from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. The drawing will be held on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 12 p.m. in the Grayling Mini-Mall.

Church to host family movie night

The Grayling Baptist Church, 705 Madsen St., will host a family movie night on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 6 p.m. The movie will be "Facing the Giants." Admission is free.

Pet photos with Santa available

Pet photos with Santa will be taken at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter on Saturday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost is a \$25 donation for a package of photos. Other ala carte photo prices will be available. This is a benefit for the dogs and cats at the animal shelter, located at 5786 Fairground Lane. At the fairgrounds, turn left after the big sign.

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Households must meet program guidelines and have a current Department of Human Services Decision Notice.

To receive funds for propane or fuel oil, the fuel in the tank must be at 25 percent or below or the provider must be threatening to lock the tank or remove the fuel for non-payment of a balance owed.

To receive funds for firewood, the wood must be the primary heat source and the supply must be extremely low.

To receive funds for electricity and natural gas, service must be in the applicant's name and be in threat of shut-off or already disconnected.

Potential applicants can call to be prescreened at 471-3277 or toll-free at 1-866-270-0687. If eligible for an application, one will be mailed or faxed at the applicant's request.

NEMCSA is a private, nonprofit agency and is governed by a 33-member board. \$300 mini-grants are also available.

Nominations open for 2008 O.B. Eustis Environmental Awards

Always striving to balance environmental protection with economic development, the late O.B. Eustis was widely respected as an industrialist, an environmentalist and a nature columnist. Since 1995, Huron Pines has been a proud partner with the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) and the O.B. Eustis Award Committee to recognize the legacy he left. Huron Pines is now accepting nominations through Dec. 31, 2008, for the awards given in his honor.

Winners (individuals, organizations or businesses) are recognized based on their application of balancing resource conservation and development. Through a CFNEM grant administered by Huron Pines, each winner selected will be able to designate a \$500 award to an environmental project in northeast Michigan.

Last year's recipients of the O.B. Eustis Award included Gerald Lake from Grayling, who received the award for his many years of work to improve and protect the quality of the north branch of the AuSable River. His award has been applied to a watershed management plan project on the north branch of the

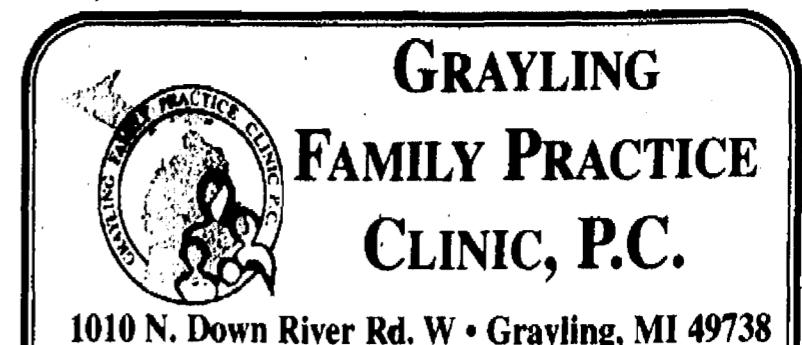
AuSable River.

The nominees for the O.B. Eustis Award may come from the eleven-county service area of Huron Pines, which includes the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. The winners will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of Huron Pines on Feb. 7, 2009.

Nomination forms, along with the criteria by which the applicants are judged, can be obtained by contacting: Huron Pines, 501 Norway St., Grayling, MI 49738; by phone at 989-344-0753, ext. 21; or by email at jill@huronpines.org.

Nomination forms are due by Dec. 31, 2008. Anyone with questions may call Jill Scaro at the Huron Pines office, extension 21.

Huron Pines is a non-profit organization whose goal is to conserve the forests, lakes and streams in northeast Michigan. The organization creates partnerships between the private and public sectors in order to complete hands-on conservation projects. More information is available at www.huronpines.org.



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The Bible Speaks

Christian Hope Reality

Our study on suffering in Romans 8:17-25 ends in future hope. "24For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."

First, we know that Christian hope anticipates future reality. "24For we are saved by hope..." There are three aspects of our salvation, past, present, and future. The past of our salvation points to the cross where Jesus Christ shed His blood to cleanse us from sin's penalty and guilt. The present of our salvation is the power of the finished work of Jesus Christ to deliver us daily from the power and pollution of sin. The future of our salvation is the return of Jesus Christ to earth to deliver us from the presence of sin and perfect our bodies into His glorious image.

Second, we know that Christian hope accentuates our faith; "but hope that is seen is not hope." Hope rests upon the foundation of faith as Hebrews 11:1 says: "1Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Christian

hope rests firmly upon the substance and evidence of the promises of God's Holy Scriptures. "17So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Only hope based upon faith can please God. "6But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Heb. 11:6). As we saw in Romans 5:2: "2By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Hope not based upon faith in God's Word is false hope.

Third, we know that Christian hope acknowledges our future finish; "for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?" 2 Corinthians 4:18 gives excellent commentary on this thought. "18While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." "7(For we walk by faith, not by sight)" (2 Cor 5:7). Hope based upon temporal or earthly things will often disappoint or fail us. Only hope based upon God's eternal promises can give us certain hope for both time and eternity.

Our hope is in the king

eternal, (1 Tim 1:17), who by His own blood has obtained eternal redemption for us, (Heb. 9:12), that "...they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance." (Heb 9:15). Jesus promised, "35Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matt 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33). We stand firm by faith like Peter, "68Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." (John 6:68). "10But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." (1 Pet. 5:10).

When we ask someone if they know they are going to Heaven when they die, they often respond, "I hope so!" When we ask them what their hope of Heaven is based upon, we hear a variety of answers. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Pastor "B"

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Church Directory

Christian Science Society

209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October

2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm

Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974

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Traditional Service 9 am

Coffee Hour 10 am

Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 10 am

Adult Sunday School 10 am

Praise & Worship Service 11 am

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Seventh Day Adventist

Pastor: David Jorgenson
(989) 348-1909

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Saturday Church Service 9:30 am

Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am

Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel

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Pastor: Larry Hankins

8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells

(989) 348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am

Morning Worship 11 am

Web Praise & Worship Study 7 pm

Grayling Free Methodist

Pastor: Rick Secord

6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093

Early Service 8:30 am

Sunday School 10 am

Morning Service 11 am

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ

3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship 11 am

Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist

Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411

heritagebaptist-grayling.org

1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.

(1/4 mile west of I-75)

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 11 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God

Pastor: John Wojdan

701 S. I-75 Business Loop

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Morning Worship 10:30 am

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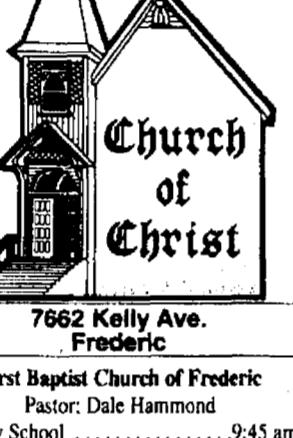
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Luzerne Baptist

Pastor: James Durfee

2247 Durfee Lane

Sunday School 10 am

Sunday Morning Worship 11 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle

Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278

501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School 10 am

Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth

Service 11 am

Sunday Evening Service 6 pm

Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Wednesday Service 7 pm

Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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Community of Christ

Pastor: Ann Doty

North Down River Rd. at

1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751

Church School 9:45 am

Preaching 11 am

Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses 10 am

Resurrection Life Center

Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann

Mail: 2640 M-72 West, Grayling, MI 49738

reslifecenter.com

Phone: (989) 348-1000

Sunday Service 10:30 am

Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm

E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)

905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop

(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)

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Saturday Evening Worship Service 7 pm

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Friendship Church

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Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg

415 Ohio North, Gaylord

Sunday School 9 am

Morning Worship 10 am

Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am

Wed. Men's Study Noon

Relief Society Noon

St. Francis Episcopal

Pastor: Elizabeth Chace

M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850

Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am

Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am

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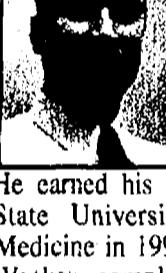
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Dr. Weeks grew up south of Greenville in the small community of Saranac, Michigan. He attended Central Michigan University, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Biology. He earned his medical degree at Michigan State University-College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1996. After medical school, Dr. Weeks completed his Internship and Residency in Family Practice at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dr. Weeks became board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice in 1999. He recertified in 2008. He had been practicing around Greenville, Michigan for several years both as an employed and solo-practice physician prior to joining GFPC two years ago. Dr. Weeks currently resides in Grayling where he enjoys various hobbies as well as spending time with his family.

Dr. Weeks and the Staff at GFPC are currently accepting new patients and accept most insurance plans. Please call 348-7671 to schedule your appointment.

46th Trial Court

Sentencings for October 2008

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Charles Edward Greene, age 33 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Sept. 8, 2008, to operating under the influence of liquor/per se third offense; sentenced on Oct. 6, 2008, to serve 330 days in jail with credit for 62 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Donald Jefferson Holland, age 33 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on Oct. 6, 2008, to controlled substance delivery schedule one, two, three and to probation violation; sentenced on Oct. 6, 2008, to serve 21 days in jail with credit for 14 days served; ordered to pay \$300 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$200 restitution and \$154 late fee assessment.

Thomas Edward Dixon, age 36 of Houghton Lake - Plead guilty on Aug. 8, 2008, to home invasion third degree; sentenced on Sept. 8, 2008, to serve 240

days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$507 restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Mark Anthony Spears, age 35 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on Aug. 4, 2008, to home invasion first degree; sentenced on Oct. 6, 2008, to serve four years to 20 years in prison; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$507 restitution, \$300 circuit court costs and \$250 penal fine.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Ty-Michael Rowyn Gerow, age 22 of Grayling - Plead no contest on Aug. 18, 2008, to police officer assault; sentenced on Oct. 9, 2008, to serve 270 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 state minimum costs and \$3,000 restitution; placed on probation for 24 months.

Andrew Steven Failing, age 20 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Sept. 22, 2008, to controlled substance-possess non-narcotic; sentenced on Oct. 20, 2008, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for 49 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$500 penal fine; placed on probation for 18 months.

Mark Thomas Carpenter, age 22 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Sept. 8, 2008, to assault-weapon and to probation violation; sentenced on Oct. 9, 2008, to serve 60 days in jail; ordered to pay \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$60 state minimum costs.

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Births

Ashley and Christopher Malone, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Kyhis KenRich, born at Mercy Hospital on October 31, 2008, at 3:55 p.m., weighing 9 lbs., 6 ozs., and measuring 22 inches in length.

Jessica Potter and Michael Randall, of Roscommon, announce the birth of a son, Hunter Eric, born at Mercy Hospital on November 11, 2008, at 2:58 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Vanessa and Lance Cherven, announce the birth of their daughter, Gabriella Elaine, born at Mercy Hospital on November 1, 2008, at 1:40 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. and measuring 20 inches in length.

Sarah and John Zaleski, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Mae Rose, born at Mercy Hospital on November 14, 2008, at 3:05 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length.

Sarah Lee-Ann and Ronald Lee Watson, Jr., announce the birth of their daughter, Annabell Irene, born at Mercy Hospital on November 12, 2008, weighing 9 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 21 1/4 inches in length.

Anna and Matthew Larson, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Lynn, born at Mercy Hospital on November 14, 2008, at 2:05 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Kerri Heinz and Daniel Mathey announce the birth of a son, Tyler Scott, born at Mercy Hospital on November 14, 2008, at 2:36 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Library News

Story Hour will be held every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. Preschool age children and their parents can enjoy interactive stories, crafts and a light snack with either Miss B or Miss Connie. To join or for more information, call 989-348-9214.

The Frederic Community Library will hold their "Fun in Frederic" program on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 11 a.m. This children's event will include stories, crafts and a snack with a harvest theme. Contact Connie Meyer, at 989-348-4067, to sign up or for more information.

The C.C.L.L. Book Club will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 5 p.m. The book discussion will be on "The Boleyn Inheritance" by Philippa Gregory. The book club meets the last Tuesday of each month and welcomes new members.

The Mitten Tree is now up at the Devereaux Memorial Library and The Friends of the Crawford County Library still need hats, scarves and mittens throughout the month of November. You may drop off your donations at any library branch location.

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GHS Choir prepares for 8th annual Madrigal Dinner

Grayling High School Choir students are getting ready for their 8th annual Madrigal Dinner. They will be presenting "Mertonsire and the Pirate's Tale" at this year's dinner performances on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. in the Grayling High School "Castleteria."

The Madrigal Dinner transports guests back to the days of kings, queens, knights, jesters, a wonderful ceremonial medieval feast, frolicking, festivities and a concert this year which will also include the Grayling Middle School 8th Grade Choir.

This year's menu includes the traditional wassail toast to be followed by a superb prime rib dinner including court style mixed salad, prime rib of beef Au Jus, roasted baby potatoes, a medley of vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and assorted cheesecakes.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and \$10 for children 12 and under and



Grayling High School Choir students are getting ready for their 8th annual Madrigal Dinner. Pictured are the "Half Act Players," who will be presenting "Mertonsire and the Pirate's Tale" at this year's dinner performance. Shown here (from L to R) are Rachel Wilson as Mertonsire, Lord of Misrule and general attache to the king, Jon Lovely as the jester, Joe Emmons as the dreaded pirate Captain Walker d'Plank, Damon Hunter as Matey the trusted first mate and Hannah Smith as Ahoy, who's vocabulary consists of the word "Arrrgh!"

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Lovells chapel celebrates 60 years

Lovells Community Chapel recently celebrated its 60th anniversary of being a spiritual presence in Lovells and the surrounding communities. Lovells Chapel was built and dedicated in 1948.

Among the highlights of the church's history is a furnace explosion which required a replacement furnace to be installed in 1959.

In 1963, an outdoor rest room was built for those who travelled a distance. In 1973, two indoor rest rooms were completed.

In 1980, the first church checking account was opened, and in 1991, Ruth Caid retired as treasurer after serving 43 years.

Wednesday night Prayer & Bible Study was initiated in 1992. It continues today at 7 p.m.

A new chapel was completed in 1999 and the original chapel was renovated as a welcome area in 2006.

This country church, near the north branch of the AuSable River, has been maintained faithfully over the years by dedicated parishioners. The Lovells Community Chapel has remained debt-free since its inception, even after two additions to the building.

A 60th Anniversary Celebration was held last month, featuring a program of musical entertainment interspersed with reflections from past and current pastors.

After the program, attendees were treated to a church potluck dinner.

The current leadership of Lovells Community Chapel consists of Pastor Larry



Photo by Carol Davis
Wade Davis (left) and Pastor Roger Green (right) perform a song during the anniversary celebration.

Hankins and Associate Pastor Gary Hopp. The Lovells Community Chapel is a non-denominational church. Both pastors and the congregation welcome

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GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for October are, from the left: (back row) Valarie Burch, Madi Gabriel, Michael Gardiner, Lucas Kincaid, Zach Mack, Tandy Mitchell, Tiffany Mitchell, Danielle Nelson; (middle row) L.D. Newsted, Jr., Darin Nicholas, Cortnee Nye, Amar Patel, Luke Petrosky, Joshua Quinton, Jacob Robbins, Adrienne Robertson, Brittney Turner, Jack Roby; (front row) Nick Smock, Scout Tobin, Colbie Wakeley, Boomer Wingard; (not pictured) Amy Hughes, Terrence Johns.

Military News



Jorden Wakeley
Airman Jorden J. Wakeley

recently completed Air Force Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During his six and a half weeks of training, he completed a variety of training including anti-terrorism, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive training, small arms, field training and self-aid and buddy care.

He also received the Honor Fitness Award for setting a new record for the mile and a half run.

Wakeley went into the S.E.R.E. division upon completion of graduation.

Wakeley is a 2008 graduate of Grayling High School and the son of Todd and Missy Wakeley.

Grayling Police Report

Grayling City Police Chief reports the department handled the following complaints during the period of Nov. 1 - Nov. 9:

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Planners to address high tech job creation in region

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The goal is to create strategies that enable each region to compete successfully in the global knowledge economy.

Diane Rekowski, executive director of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, said part of the initiative is to provide training opportunities and access to infrastructure to compete in the knowledge based economy. Instead of working up through a hierarchy in a firm over a period of years, employees in a knowledge based economy tend to transition between jobs to further their careers. Employees may also opt to work for a firm on a contractual basis to maintain their independence.

"Hopefully, this opens up opportunities for new careers in this neck of the woods and opportunities for training for new jobs," Rekowski said.

The 18 month economic development initiative involves training, technical assistance and data gathering with the three regional partners. Planners will use existing data, field studies and public forums to compile the information. The studies will look at the number of existing technological based jobs in the region, such as engineering, and will also address the number of firms already doing business globally through the use of technology and the Internet.

Distance learning tech-

niques, such as virtual classroom instruction and interactive video conferencing, will be used to maximize interaction and curb costs.

LaMore said that MSU and University of Michigan planners will be tapped for the study.

"We want to reach our northern part of the state and we have use of technology to help us do that," LaMore said.

Economic development plans will be created from a study specifying infrastructure needs for the regions.

"As long as the project is on our wish list, it may be eligible for federal funding," Rekowski said.

LaMore said that a number of public-private partnerships may be formulated,

such as building towers to boost global Internet capability, once plans are finalized.

"Government can play a supportive role, but the private sector has to be a partner," LaMore said. "Public investment is the key thing that will leverage resources to make this work in northern Michigan."

LaMore said the study may be duplicated in other rural parts of the state and the nation based on the outcome of the initiative.

"Northern Michigan is our partner in this training to help make this work," he said. "We're facing up to the challenges we have in the current struggling economy and we have to look for new ideas because the old ones are not working."

Group will share ideas for fire department pact

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township should maintain the lawsuit and negotiate with the city, since there would be taxation without representation regarding the fire department.

The city formally created a fire department in 1947, under the direction of the city manager, and provided fire services county wide.

In 1973, the city declared that it could no longer provide fire services county wide. Grayling Township agreed to contract with the city for services. The rest of the townships started their own fire departments.

The first legal mutual operating agreement between the City of Grayling and Grayling Township was approved in

1974, according to city officials in response to the lawsuit.

Township officials claim that they have had an agreement to operate the fire department with the city for 61 years.

Thayer said that the committee that township officials are referring to in the lawsuit was formed to find property and build the new fire department. The committee was formed under former Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe's administration. Thayer said that the committee took on more duties than it was legally authorized to do by state statute.

Thayer said he appreciates the citizens getting involved to help find some common ground between the city and the township.

"It's clear, if you listen to both parties, nobody wants to see the fire department split, but we have to figure out how to get from here to there," Thayer said.

A settlement conference for the lawsuit has been scheduled for Dec. 4 with 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy. A trial has been scheduled for Jan. 28-30.

Township officials are asking 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen for a court order to divide fire trucks, equipment and interests, in the current and former fire department buildings, between the city and the township if a pact between the municipalities cannot be reached.

Wright said he believes there is plenty of time to

resolve the dispute prior to the January trial.

"The only thing Grayling Township and the board of trustees wants is a good agreement that benefits both the city and the township, but the thought has been since we are paying the majority of the dollars, we should have some input into how the fire department is run," Wright said.

Stephenson said that the citizens group would share their ideas with both administrators in hopes of bringing both sides together, avoiding costly litigation and the expense to operate two separate fire departments.

"We think there is some resolution in the middle that both entities can work with," Stephenson said.

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The organization is also supported by the Safari Club, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Ted Nugent's United Sportsmen of America, United Methodist Men, Michigan Bow Hunters Association and the Food Bank Council of Michigan.

Arundel said the organization has received positive feedback from officials who run food banks and from people who have received the processed meat.

"Especially now, it's been very well received," Arundel

said. "Food banks are strapped and they're turning everywhere they can to put food in the hands of people who need it."

Last year, almost 23,000 pounds of venison were provided to local charities by hunters participating in the program through licensed venison processors. The organization has donated over 50,000 pounds of wild game to charities since it was established in 1991.

Arundel said that sportsmen and women learn of the program through fliers posted at participating meat

processors, the organization's Web site or when they buy a hunting or fishing license.

"We have a lot of room to grow and every year we're trying to do a little more," Arundel said.

Ray Rustem, community relations manager for the DNR, said the state appreciates the cooperation of the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger in helping to manage natural resources, especially in areas where deer cause crop damage or areas where herds need to be reduced.

"It's a sharing of a resource and it's an abundant resource

that's out there," Rustem said.

There are currently no meat processors participating in the program in Crawford County. The nearest processors in the organization's network are L-J Meat Market in Lake City, Bruitt's Fresh Market in Traverse City, The Buck Stop in Grawn and The Butcher Shop in Posen.

To learn more about the program, or for a list of participating licensed processors, visit the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger Web site at www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org.

Area Events

The Mikenauk Chorale, an area-wide choral group, is having a Christmas concert on Sunday, Nov. 23, at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of the North (149 West Robinson Lake Rd., Roscommon). The concert, featuring Christmas classics, begins at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at

the door and they can also be purchased from any member of the chorale.

With singers from Roscommon, Higgins Lake, Prudenville and Houghton Lake, the 35-member choir will perform Christmas standards such as "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "The Most

Wonderful Time of the Year." They will ask the audience to join them in singing "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Joy to the World." The concert includes four selections by John Rutter and three a cappella carols by a small ensemble.

The Mikenauk Chorale is

a nonprofit organization and proceeds from its concerts provide music scholarships to area youth. Founded in 1985, The Mikenauk Chorale has performed all over the area and as far as Carnegie Hall in New York City. The conductor for this special concert is Lenore Uphoff.

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Hunters display 40 bucks during firearm opener

50th buck pole features 23 deer on Nov. 15

Hunters didn't fill the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop during the two-day Orangecost Roundup event this past weekend, but they displayed more deer than last year.

"We had 23 the first day. In the past we used to always fill it. This year was better than last year. The bucks were nicer, bigger bucks," said Missy Millikin of Skip's Sport Shop. "Hunting pressure was fair. There were quite a few hunters."

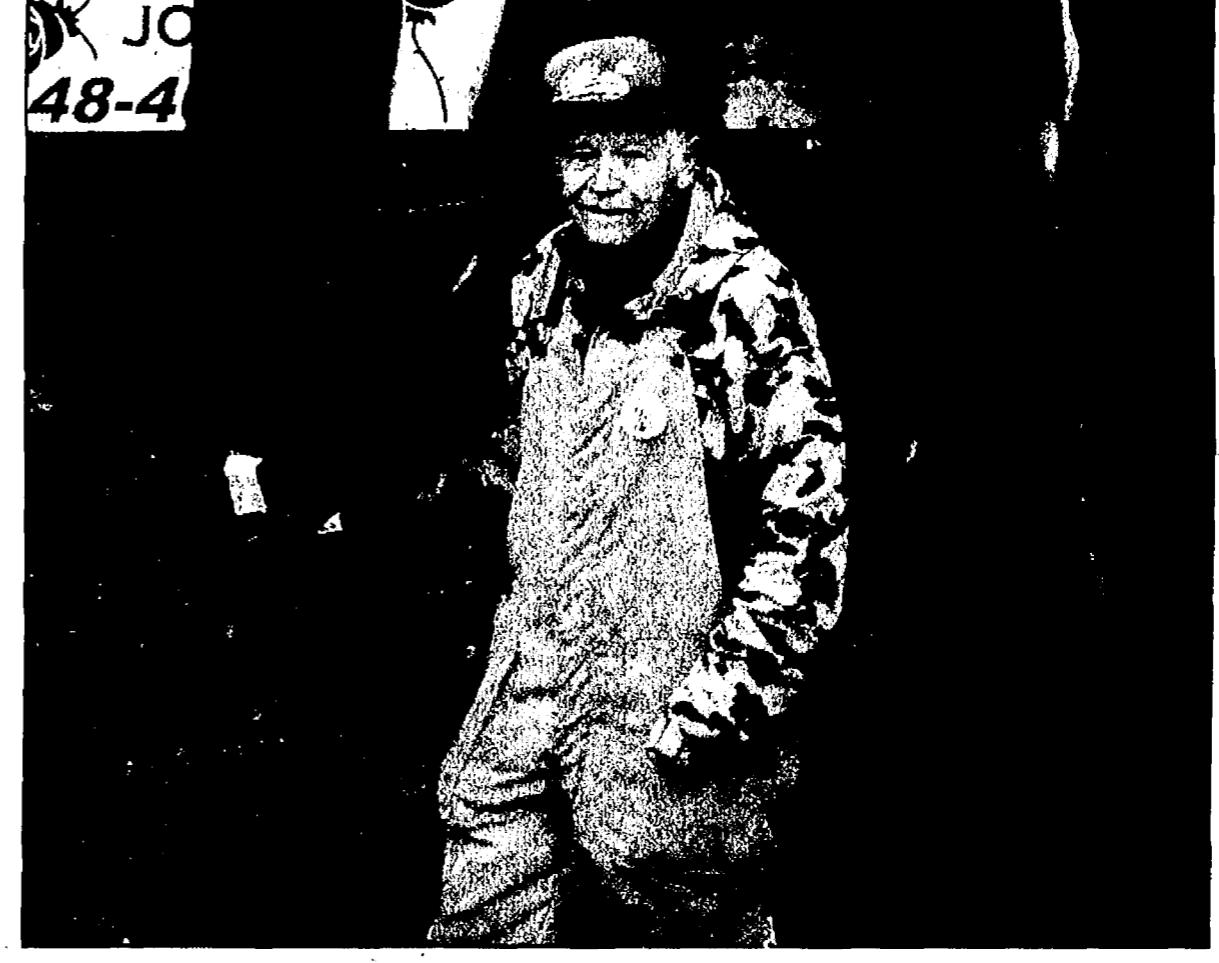
The first two days of firearm deer season featured a variety of weather, including rain and snow. The weather on Saturday was overcast for most of the day with a high temperature of 37 degrees, which made for comfortable hunting. On Sunday, hunters were greeted with a light covering of snow that would help with tracking. The temperature was at 35 degrees.

According to the Camp Grayling Conservation Club, sponsor and organizer of the Orangecost Roundup, Grayling's buck pole tradition has been in existence – in one form or another – for 50 years. In 1959, the buck pole was started at Don's Sport Shop, located on James Avenue where the Marathon gas station currently exists. In 1964, the buck pole was moved to

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Hunters and spectators check out the deer at the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop on Saturday, Nov. 15 – the first day of firearm deer season. Hunters displayed 23 deer on the buck pole on Saturday.



Randy Pittman, left, and Curly LaMotte, right, both of Grayling, display their bucks during the Orangecost Roundup this past weekend. Pittman won the event's grand prize – a scoped rifle – for his buck, which weighed 165 pounds and had a rack of 165 3/8".

Teams gearing up for winter sports seasons Games, meets to start in early December

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The 2008-09 winter sports season for Grayling High School, which includes basketball, wrestling, skiing, and cheerleading, is almost here. Most teams began their official practices this week, and games and meets will start in December.

With the exception of the cheerleading squad, all of the winter sports teams at GHS will have the same coaches this year as they did last year.

"Winter's pretty stable, not much coaching turnover," said Tim Sanchez, GHS Athletic Director. "We were successful last (winter) and the coaches are looking to improve on that. The wrestling team won districts and league – we're looking to keep that rolling."

Last year, girls basketball and girls volleyball

switched seasons. Volleyball moved to the fall season, and basketball moved to the winter season. With girls basketball sharing the gym with the boys basketball program, last year's winter season was significantly different from years past.

Like they did last year, the girls and boys will play on separate nights, and switch nights at the halfway point. To start, the girls will play on Wednesdays and Fridays and the boys will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Starting in late January, the programs will trade nights.

Next year (2009-10), Grayling's athletic league – the Lake Michigan Conference – will change formats again for basketball. The boys and the girls will play on the same nights. The two varsity squads will play on Tuesdays and Fridays, and the two junior varsity teams will play on Mondays and Thursdays.

"With freshman volleyball only six girls played, and you need six to play, so

the fans, knowing exactly what days the games are," Sanchez said. "As an athletic department, Fridays are the biggest gate nights, so we'll get more of those Friday gates. More people will come and watch the girls play, which will be a good thing. Other conferences have done this and had success."

The girls basketball program began its official practices on Monday, Nov. 10 – one week before the boys basketball program, which helps separate the playoff tournaments by one week at the end of the season.

Grayling High School's girls basketball teams will have the same varsity head coach as last year – Kelly Sheehan – and the same JV coach – Craig Hofman. Due to low player numbers, there will not be a freshman girls basketball team this year.

"With freshman volleyball only six girls played, and you need six to play, so

they had just enough. There just wasn't enough numbers there to sustain a freshman (girls basketball) team," Sanchez said.

In the Lake Michigan Conference, losing freshman girls basketball squads has become a trend following last year's season change.

"We're the fifth (school) in the league not to have a freshman team. Before the switch, seven teams had them. Now only three (schools) in our league have a freshman team," Sanchez said.

The JV and varsity girls basketball teams will open their 2008-09 seasons with games at Roscommon on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

This year's boys basketball program will feature the same coaching staff as last year: Rich Moffit (varsity head coach), Ryan Fritz (varsity assistant coach), Chris Kucharek (JV coach),



Laura Boylan takes a shot during practice on Monday, Nov. 17. The girls basketball program started its official practices on Nov. 10.



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an area adjacent to the Chamber of Commerce building and water tower, but most hunters associate it with the present location next to Skip's Sport Shop on M-72 West. It made that move in 1982. For almost 20 years, the Camp Grayling Conservation Club has sponsored the running of the buck pole.

Hunters are awarded prizes in a variety of categories, such as first buck for the day or youngest hunter. The deer are weighed and the antlers are measured, and a scoring system that takes into consideration total spread, number of points, and length of points assigns a score used to determine the best buck of the two first days.

Randy Pittman, of Grayling, won this year's Orangecoat Roundup grand prize – a scoped rifle – for displaying the buck with the largest rack (165 3/8") over the course of the first two days of firearm deer season – Nov. 15 and 16.

This year's buck pole featured a total of 40 deer – 23 on opening day (Saturday) and 17 on Sunday.

Final results of this year's Orangecoat Roundup, including winners of the special category prizes, are as follows (order, hunter, hometown, buck's weight, buck's rack size):

November 15

1. Tom Brooks, Grayling, 105 pounds, 22 1/2"; 2. John Morin, Erie, 115 pounds, 64 3/8"; 3. Curly LaMotte, Grayling, 98 pounds, 27 1/2"; 4. Matt Gingerich, Beaverton, 120 pounds, 60 3/8"; 5. Brian



David Nelson, of Mt. Pleasant, displays his buck on Sunday, Nov. 16.

Davis, Grayling, 182 pounds, 142 1/4"; 6. Mike Stockmaster, Grayling, 125 pounds, 85 1/8"; 7. Bill Lucksted Jr., Spring Lake, 135 pounds, 60 1/4"; 8. Greg Cass, Grayling, 110 pounds, 47 1/2"; 9. Bob Cooper, Grayling, 130 pounds, 52 1/8"; 10. Anthony Allison, Frederic, 95 pounds, 22 1/4"; 11. Ron Latuszek, Grayling, 165 pounds, 134 3/8"; 12. Jessy Fulton, Grayling, 142 pounds, 145 1/4"; 13. Josh Mogg, Grayling, 110 pounds, 32 1/8"; 14. Chris Jones, Madison Heights, 125 pounds, 97 7/8"; 15. Steven Trammell, Howell, 115 pounds, 46 3/8"; 16. James Pope, Kent City, N/A, 48 1/8"; 17. Robert Dikin, Grayling, 120 pounds, 81 7/8"; 18. Steve Porter, Shelby Township, 165 pounds, 133"; 19. Brian Jacobs, Frederic, 110 pounds, 48 3/8"; 20. Pat McKellip, Grayling, 145 pounds, 94"; 21. Kristen Moran, Grayling, N/A, 122 3/4"; 22. Craig Bonnington, Berkley, 110 pounds, 84 1/2"; 23. Steve Nicely, Lake Orion, 150 pounds, 136".

Oldest Hunter – Curly LaMotte; Youngest Hunter – Anthony Allison; Heaviest Buck – Brian Davis; First Buck – Tom Brooks; Largest Rack – Jessy Fulton; First Woman – Kristen Moran.

November 16

1. William Johnson, Grayling, 125 pounds, 72 3/8"; 2. Rob Griffin, Metamora, 125 pounds, 80"; 3. Nick Smock, Grayling, 85 pounds, 20 1/2"; 4. Ryan Halstead, Grayling, 135 pounds, 127 7/8"; 5. Don Millikin, Grayling, 120 pounds, 65"; 6. Don Kuk, Roscommon, 90 pounds, 28 3/4"; 7. Thomas Pomorin, Erie, 110 pounds, 31 5/8"; 8. Michelle Kaminski, Roseville, 95 pounds, 34 5/8"; 9. Dakota Millikin, Grayling, 90 pounds, 17 1/2"; 10. David Nelson, Mt. Pleasant, 135 pounds, 144 7/8"; 11. Randy Pittman, Grayling, 165 pounds, 165 3/8"; 12. Cody Collen, Grayling, 175 pounds, 123 3/4"; 13. Cameron Wakeley, Grayling, 125 pounds, 106 1/2"; 14. Griffin Moran, Sterling Heights, 145 pounds, 122 3/4"; 15. Sandy Terbrack, Saginaw, 115 pounds, 72 1/4"; 16. Carrie Moon, Grayling, 125 pounds, 69 3/8"; 17. Kirstie Wakeley, Grayling, 100 pounds, 30 1/2".

Oldest Hunter – Don Kuk; Youngest Hunter – Nick Smock; Heaviest Buck – Cody Collen; First Buck – William Johnson; Largest Rack – Randy Pittman; First Woman – Michelle Kaminski.

Last year's buck pole featured a total of 29 deer – 15 on opening day and 14 on day two.

"Last year's (opener) was

on Thursday, which is not good for many people that work. This year, with (firearm deer season) opening on Saturday, is ideal. Most people are saying that they have seen deer," said Jack Millikin of Skip's Sport Shop.

In 2006, hunters filled the buck pole on opening day and had a two-day total of 48.

According to the Camp Grayling Conservation Club, the new buck pole installed at Skip's a few years ago has improved the Orangecoat Roundup.

"On the second day of the 2001 opener, the wooden buck pole used at Skip's for many years had the unimaginable happen when (it) collapsed. Fortunately, it was near the end of the day and many of the hunters picking up their deer never noticed. In 2006, many private individuals, local organizations, and businesses rallied to the need for a replacement, and a new steel buck pole with a working platform and eventual electric hoist was constructed. No more ladders. No more pulling on ropes and sliding across the parking lot as an extra heavy buck overpowered whoever was trying to pull it up. Compared to the days of the old buck pole, volunteers hanging and scoring deer were in heaven," a Camp Grayling Conservation Club representative said.

Bowling Leagues

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Kirtland Basketball

Women's team — The Kirtland Lady Firebirds dropped back down to .500 in the young season with a loss tonight (Nov. 15) to the Grand Rapids Raiders. The Firebirds built an early 12-point first half lead before the Raiders cut the lead to

35-33 at halftime. The visiting Raiders outscored the Firebirds by 18 in the second half to claim an 80-62 win.

"We were able to fast break at will in the first half," Kirtland Coach Tom Ritter said. "The second half we just went cold. Once we got

down by 10, we just stayed there."

Leading the Firebirds in the effort was Jo'ell Cruse (Inland Lakes) with 19 points, five rebounds, and one assist. Whitney Bonham (Evart) had 15 points, five rebounds, and one assist. Brooke Robinson (Standish-Sterling) scored eight points, had nine rebounds, and one assist. Kassi McConnell (Clare) had seven points, one rebound, and three assists. Natasha Dewald (Augres-Sims) had six points, four rebounds, and one assist.

GMS Basketball

8th grade "green" (boys) — Grayling Middle School's 8th grade "green" boys basketball squad improved its record to 2-0 with a 20-18 victory at Traverse City St. Francis on

Wednesday, Nov. 12.

"Although it was a low-scoring contest, it's always a good feeling to come away from St. Francis with a win," Coach Rocky Tobin said. "The boys played hard

and caused some turnovers, but we also turned the ball over too many times — something we will be working on."

Mason Krey had 10 points for GMS. Jeff Enos

(4), Wes Dean (4), and Tyler Powers (2) also scored points for the Vikings.

"If these kids continue to improve like they have, we should have a successful season," Coach Tobin said.

Legal Action

SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP NOVEMBER 11, 2008 REGULAR BOARD MEETING UNAPPROVED

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George, Janisse and Musselman. Absent: None. Pledge of Allegiance. Public comment heard.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda, October Regular Meeting Minutes, and October Special Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, projected bills for November, and the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by George, to approve the Knox Box "Master Key Retriever" in the amount of \$823.00, Fire Fighter 1 & 2 class for Mike Miller at \$175.00, Furnace Inspection by A-Tech at \$385.00; the invoice for the insurance on the new pump/junker in the amount of \$1,017.00 as requested by Fire/EMS. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Janisse, to approve for payment the invoice in the amount of \$892.00 from the Township attorney. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to accept the concerns presented by Kozlowski regarding the County ORV Ordinance, with additions, and present them at the Public Hearing in Grayling, on November 19th. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Musselman, to approve the payment of invoice from Election Sources in the amount of \$380.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to take action with SMR, Inc. for non-compliance with South Branch Township Zoning Ordinance. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Public comment heard.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

NOTICE

DONALD STEVENS:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Danielle Michelle Atkins, a child born to Kimberly Louise Atkins on August 26, 1995, in Crawford County, Michigan. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to file an Answer to the Petition to Termination Parental Rights with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Knox County, Tennessee, 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, and to serve a copy of that Answer upon Susan D. Kovac, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, 531 Henley Street, Suite 531, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be December 4, 2008, and/or to appear for trial on January 6, 2009 at 9:00 AM, at Knox County Juvenile Court. If you fail to do so, a judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n), Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P., and Rules 1 and 39 of the Tenn. R. of Juv. P. for the relief demanded in the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office at the address shown above.

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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald Balmer and Vivian Balmer, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 1998 and recorded February 9, 1998 in Liber 446, Page 589, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Old Kent Mortgage Company now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty and 39/100 Dollars (\$93,730.39) including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 17, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 31, 32 and 33, Skyline Heights, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 13, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
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248-502-1400 File No. 200.3574

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald R. Calkins and Debra L. Calkins, as joint tenants, husband and wife, to Nationstar Mortgage LLC fka Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004 and recorded November 5, 2004 in Liber 672, Page 351, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Nine and 50/100 Dollars (\$46,109.50) including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Binet and Andrea G. Binet, husband and wife, to CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger with CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 9, 2000 and recorded December 6, 2000 in Liber 524, Page 359, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Eight and 77/100 Dollars (\$71,328.77) including interest at 12.41% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford

County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 3, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Number 39, Riverside Subdivision, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 61 and 62, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 13, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 200.3574

-20-27-4-11

**MORTGAGE
SALE**

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sue A. Pasko, a married woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2005 and recorded April 29, 2005 in Liber 675, Page 210, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by The Bank of New York, as trustee for the holders of the EQCC Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2001-1F by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine and 65/100 Dollars (\$63,289.65) including interest at 11.75% per annum.

Dated: November 13, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald R. Calkins and Debra L. Calkins, as joint tenants, husband and wife, to Nationstar Mortgage LLC fka Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004 and recorded November 5, 2004 in Liber 672, Page 351, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and 19/100 Dollars (\$123,890.19) including interest at 13.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan for a point of beginning; thence South 20 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence North 20 rods, thence East 4 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 3, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Number 39, Riverside Subdivision, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 61 and 62, Crawford County Records.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald R. Calkins and Debra L. Calkins, as joint tenants, husband

Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dan R Baker and Kathleen I Baker, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 16, 2006, and recorded on November 14, 2006 in Liber 684 on Page 162, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty And 58/100 Dollars (\$41,950.58), including interest at 8.96% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of West 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 25 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 13, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-
2525
File #216800F03

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bruce H. Dale III and Deborah D. Dale, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to North Area Central Credit Union, Mortgagors, dated the 12th day of June, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 30th day of October, 2003 in Liber 657 of Crawford County Records, page 135, said Mortgage having been assigned to North Area Central Credit Union on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six & 06/100 (\$11,786.06), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of January, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said

premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, T26N, R2W, lying on the South side of M-72 as now surveyed During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Dated: 11/19/2008 North Area Central Credit Union Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for North Area Central Credit Union 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 ASAP# 2928619 11/20/2008, 11/27/2008, 12/04/2008, 12/11/2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Chumack, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2005, and recorded on December 9, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 909, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine And 54/100 Dollars (\$82,849.54), including interest at 9.77% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, and the Northwesterly 20 feet Lot 5, Block 8, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 30, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.

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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-
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File #227703F01

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by David D. Lamb, a married man, and Amy L. Lamb, his wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 5, 2000, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on October 17, 2000, in Liber 520, Page(s) 341, et seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$50,564.23, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by David D. Lamb, a married man, and Amy L. Lamb, his wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 11.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et seq., on December 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 14, WHITE PINE ESTATE,

ACCORDING TO THE PLAT

THEREOF AS RECORDED IN

Liber 4 of PLATS, PAGE 30,

CRAWFORD COUNTY

RECORDS. FREDERIC TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY,

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey S Holka aka Jeff Holka, Sr, an Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2006, and recorded on January 29, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 62, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Three And 66/100 Dollars (\$124,603.66), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 598 Indian Glens of the AU Sable No. 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 30, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302

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Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-
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which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2000 Dutch Mobile Home, Serial Number 29899D.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

BRANDT, FISHER,
ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing
Corp.)

By: DONALD A. BRANDT
(P30183)

Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street,
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Traverse City, Michigan
49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: November 6, 2008

-13-20-27-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl E. Simpson, a married man, Violet Simpson, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 18, 2006, and recorded on January 18, 2007 in Liber 684 on Page 937, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Seven And 90/100 Dollars (\$81,847.90), including interest at 6.945% per annum.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl E. Simpson, a married man, Violet Simpson, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 18, 2006, and recorded on January 18, 2007 in Liber 684 on Page 937, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Seven And 90/100 Dollars (\$81,847.90), including interest at 6.945% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 25, Creekview No. 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

Includes a 2000 Fall Creek Manufactured Home Serial No. FC0123800AB, Certificate No. 35072960065 C. Permanently affixed on above description

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 13, 2008

For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304

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File #229470F01

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Johnathon R. Woolman, a Single Man and Shannon L. Anglebrandt, a Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 4, 2005, and recorded on November 21, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 573, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight And 05/100 Dollars (\$87,888.05), including interest at 6.945% per annum.

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Green Tree Servicing LLC
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



November 21, 1985 - GHS students performed the comedy style mystery "Horror High." Shown (back row, L to R) are: Diane Cinciala, Heidi Stephenson, Stacy Rosin, Jeff Martinez, Dennis Mansfield, Karl Schmidt, Allen Morford, Tim Cook, Fred Fisher, Beth Bedard; (middle) Cris McLaughlin, Amy Smith, Dianne Walker, Debbie Wadsworth, Erin Barrow, Tina Colnick, Shelly Brooks; (front) Sondra Lawson, James Montoya and Phyllis Wadsworth.

23 Years Ago

November 20, 1985

Downstate hunters beat the local rifle hunters this year at the Buck Pole at Skip's Sport Shop. Downstate hunters hung 23 of the 37 bucks displayed at the Buck Pole over the two days this year. The first hunter to bring in a buck Friday morning, opening day of deer rifle season, was Teresa Barker of Howell. She won \$150 in savings bonds. Saturday morning, Lloyd Crawford of Grayling was the first to bring in a buck and he also won \$150 in savings bonds.

The United Way Auction, that was held Nov. 9, at the Knights of Columbus Hall,

raised \$5,391 and nearly pushed the United Way Campaign in Crawford County to its goal.

The Grayling High School Band is a hot item. At the last two parades, for Homecoming and Halloween, the band drew as many cheers as floats or costumed goblins. With new band director Dennis Ormsbee leading the way, student interest has increased. Last year, 22 students participated in the high school band. This year, there are already 36 students in the band plus the GHS marching band has five vol-

unteers carrying flags to add to the band's style.

46 Years Ago

November 22, 1962

The Harvest Dinner served at Michelson Memorial Methodist Church on Nov. 8 served a total of 276 people.

William R. Moshier, Gary J. Pettyjohn, David E. Wyman and Michael A. Young are four Grayling students that are enrolled at Michigan Tech for the 1962-1963 school year.

It has been obvious for some time that something has to be done about the physical properties of Grayling High School. The present building, formally opened to the public on Friday, January 21, 1916, is no longer adequate to house the increased enrollment. There were 624 in 1952 and 868 in 1962. Following many hours of discussion among the board members and the superintendent, it is the consensus of the group that a new grade school, kindergarten through sixth grade, is the answer to the problem.

Last week, Consumers Power Company completed a project for the City of Grayling to install a decorative lighting system on new light poles on three blocks of Michigan Avenue from the AuSable River Bridge north of Cedar Street on M-72.

Monday, Hodge and King, proprietors of the Royale Cafe, purchased the city restaurant from proprietor Jay Lake and immediately took possession. This gives Hodge and King almost a monopoly of the restaurant businesses in Grayling.

69 Years Ago

November 23, 1939

When Charles E. Ferguson and his party started home to Ann Arbor Wednesday morning, they had a fine deer and a huge black bear. It was a beautiful animal and was estimated to have weighed between 400 and 500 pounds. It was shot near Big Creek in Lovells Township. The bear was coming toward him and one shot in the forehead killed it almost instantly. The fur was in prime condition and will be made into a rug.

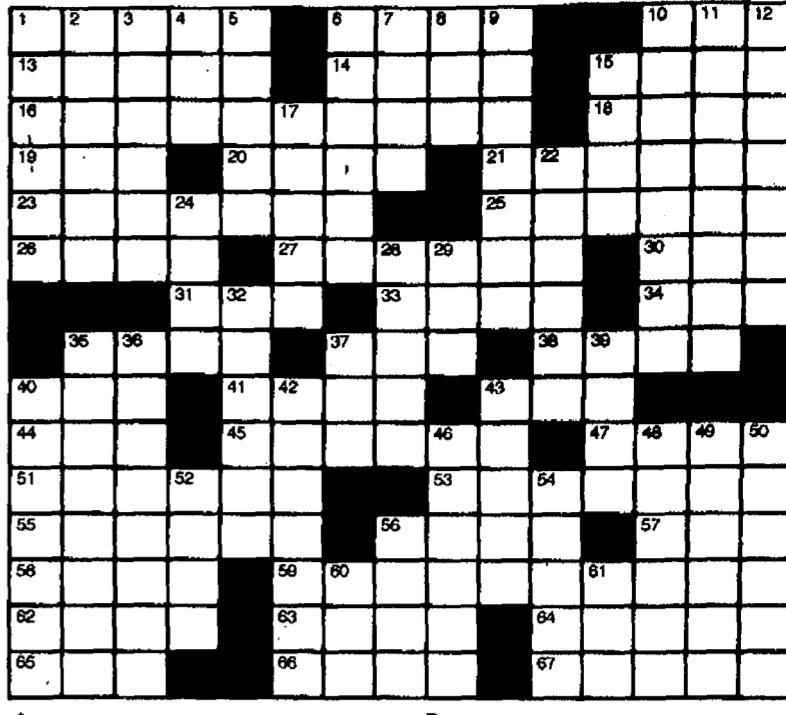
Miss Helen Brady has resigned her position at Dr. J. F. Cook's office and has accepted a position in Detroit.

92 Years Ago

November 23, 1916

Dr. and Mrs. C.R. Keyport are moving into their new home on Peninsular Avenue. This is one of the most modern houses to be built here this year. The construction work was done under the supervision of George Lathers of Traverse City. The plumbing was done by Frank R. Deckrow and the decorating was done by Waldemar Jenson.

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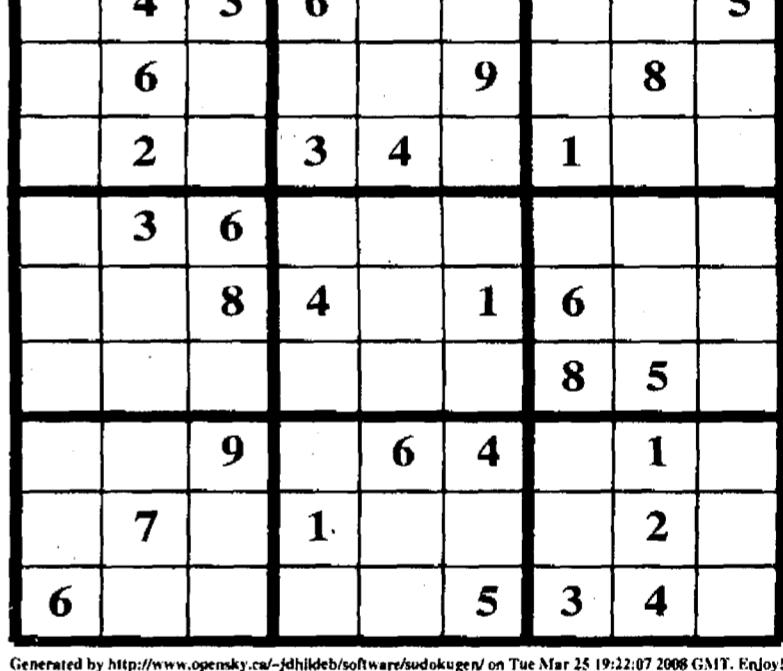
1. Have an impact on
6. Alpine transport
10. The "p" in m.p.g.
13. Deck out
14. To loiter
15. ___ review
16. Attracted strongly
18. ___ go bragh!
19. Absorbed, as a cost
20. "I, Claudius" role
21. Bug
23. Washing sponges
25. Close
26. Coastal raptor
27. High standards
30. Buzzer
31. Directly
33. Azerbaijan's capital
34. "Acid"
35. "Back in the ___"
37. Elephant's weight, maybe
38. Bakery selections
40. Matterhorn, e.g.
41. Bud
43. Moray, e.g.
44. ___ Victor
45. Round piece of luggage
47. ___ cheese
51. Causes milk to coagulate
53. Detail
55. Vexing
56. Bomb
57. Keep out
58. Conceited
59. Not worthy of trust
60. "Emperocles on ___" (Matthew Arnold poem)
61. Digress

Down

1. Steamed dish
2. Henry Clay, for one
3. Prod
4. Jail, slangily
5. Howler
6. Craving
7. Classic clown
8. ___ Maria"
9. Poor white person in the southern United States
10. Capable of being divided
11. Vice
12. Fail to fulfill a promise
15. Abbr. after many a general's name
17. Giggle
22. Check
24. Revenues
28. Hydrogen bomb
29. "At Seventeen" singer Janis
32. Scamp
35. Undergo ulceration
36. Quick and energetic
37. "For shame!"
39. Original matter that existed before the formation of the chemical elements
40. Comer
42. Unforeseen obstacles
43. Glory
46. Workers who oil engines or machinery
48. Wooden hand tool with a pointed end
49. Flowering shrub
50. Just
52. Daughter of Ea
54. Long stories
56. At liberty
60. Principal biomedical research agency of the federal government
61. "A jealous mistress": Emerson

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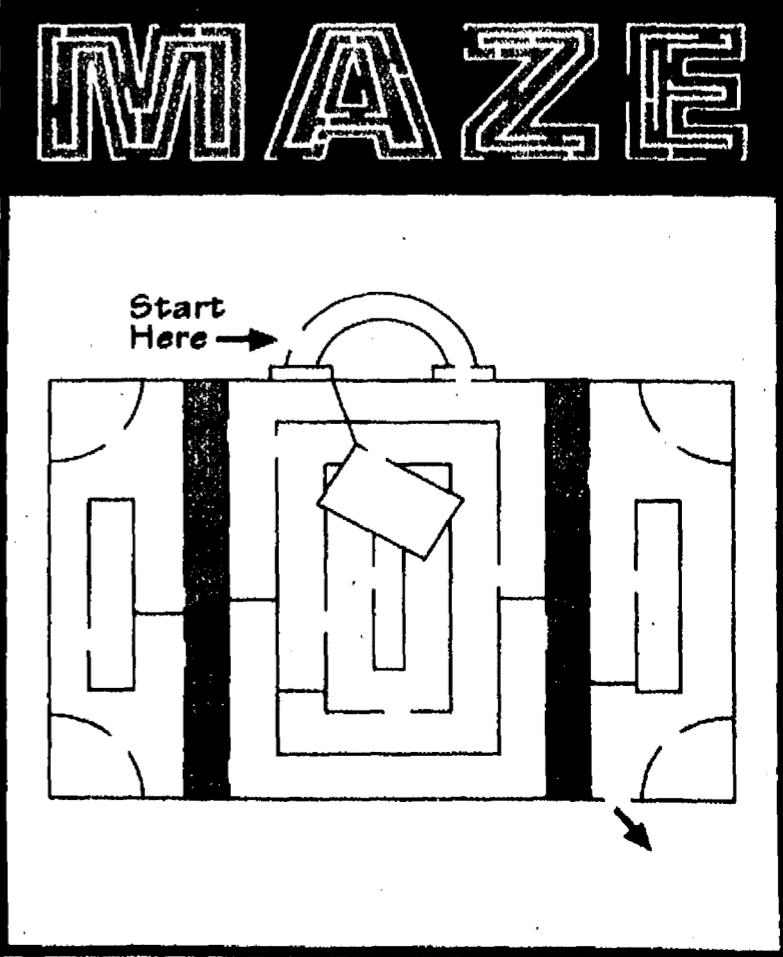
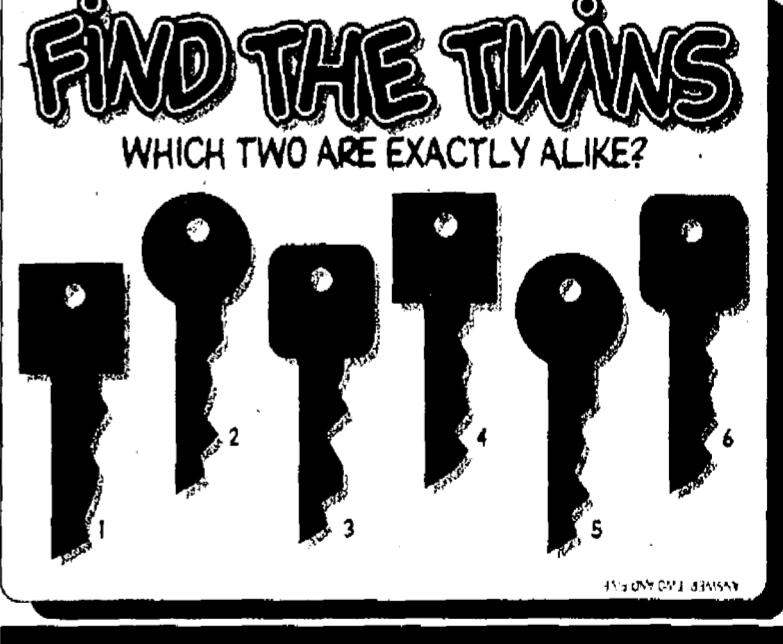
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For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.usasc.gov/finder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

DOUBLE BAKED TURKEY

Ingredients:

12 to 14 lb turkey
1/2 cup + 1 tbsp butter
1 small yellow onion, peeled, diced
4 shallots, diced
4 green onions
4 garlic cloves

Directions: Saute the onion and shallot in 1 tablespoon butter for 5 minutes until soft and slightly colored. Add the green onion, and grate garlic into the pan, then cook for 30 seconds until you smell the fragrance of garlic. Cool to room temperature. Mix in a bowl with 1/2 cup soft butter, plus the parsley and celery. Season with salt and pepper. Lift up the skin of the turkey and spread vegetable paste under the skin. Set the oven at 275°F. Generously soak 4 slices of bread in melted butter until butter is completely absorbed into bread. Season the turkey with salt and pepper. Place the bread slices over the breasts. In the oven, the bread will dry and shrink, self-basting the butter into the turkey. Cook 3 1/2 hours until the inside temperature is 130°F. Take the turkey from oven. Remove the bread and set aside. Cool turkey slightly by leaving out of the oven for 1 hour. Reset the oven to 375°F. After cooling bird, return the turkey to the oven and roast for another 1/2 hour until golden brown and crispy.

Carving Steps: Be sure to use a good, sharp knife. After turkey is cooked (meat thermometer should read 170°F when inserted in the thickest part of the breast), cool for 15 to 20 minutes. Cooling makes meat firmer and easier to slice. Remove and set aside turkey legs and last joint of each wing. Make a long, deep (to the bone), horizontal "base cut" into the breast just above wing. Slice down vertically through the breast until you meet original base cut.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast						
Date	H	L	Inches	(Courtesy of the Weather.com)				
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday			
11/12	35	27	0/1.5					
11/13	43	30	0.11					
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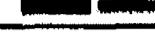
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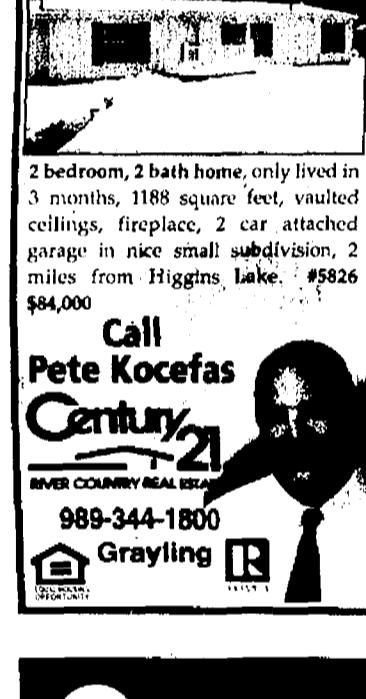
2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, \$125,000. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

CHECK OUT for sale by owner.com, listing 21561904, for a super deal on a Grayling AuSable river home, or call 989-348-2083. (10/30/08tf/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER Frederic: Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. FHA, no money down available. \$89,000. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/1)

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1. Real Estate

POSSIBLE LAND CONTRACT 10% down, 10 acres, two-story house, attached garage, four out-buildings, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, basement, new boiler in 2006, auxiliary wood stove, gas log stove in living room, heat in backyard. 2.8 miles from I-75, blacktop road. \$139,000, additional 12 acres available \$39,000. Call 989-390-2934. (-6-13-20/1)

LOW INCOME Government issued loans available now! Low mortgage rates, take advantage of the housing market now! Call Scott Hanson at Century 21 River Country, 989-348-5474, to see if you qualify. (-30-6-13-20/1)

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1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

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HOME FOR RENT 2 bedroom, washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, attached garage with lots of storage. Low utility use. 989-348-8471. (-30-6-13-20/2)

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1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

BIG HOUSE Mobile homes and cabins at Lost Acres. 4 bedroom log home, \$575; 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities; cabins from \$275 - \$375 with free utilities. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets at all. 1-877-227-6976, more details at www.qualityhomrentals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (11/20/08tf/2)

FOR RENT Older 4 bedroom home located at 301 Huron St., Grayling. \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwoods Rentals 989-344-8787. (-13-20/2)

FOR RENT 1 bedroom house. \$500 a month plus utilities, \$400 security deposit required. 101 D. State Street. Call 989-430-7497. (-20/2)

CLEAN Quiet 2 bedroom house in country south of Grayling. 1 1/2 attached garage, laundry room with washer and dryer, across road from state land. Negotiable on snowplowing, yard work and will consider pet. \$575 per month, references and security deposit. 989-329-4826. (-13-20/2)

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FOR RENT Like new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, attached 2 car garage, \$825 monthly. Absolutely no pets. Call Connie, 989-390-2888. (-20-27-4/2)

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY is now accepting applications for winter employment. Positions include, lift operator, ski instructors, snowboard instructors, janitorial and customer service. You may obtain an application at www.hansonhills.org or at the main office. Please drop off or mail application to P.O. Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738. No phone calls please. (-13-20/3)

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JOB TITLE: Director of Great Start Collaborative**CONTRACTED POSITION:** Contract 1.0 FTE. Position is dependent upon Great Start Grant funding. Salary and hours to be negotiated**REPORT TO:** Ruggero Dozzi, Director of Special Education, COOR ISD**QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's Degree preferred in Early Childhood Education, Health Care Services, Community / Economic Development or related field required.**GOAL:** To be passionate about Early Childhood services and create that passion in the communities being served.**STARTING DATE:** December, 2008**APPLY TO:** Ruggero Dozzi, Director
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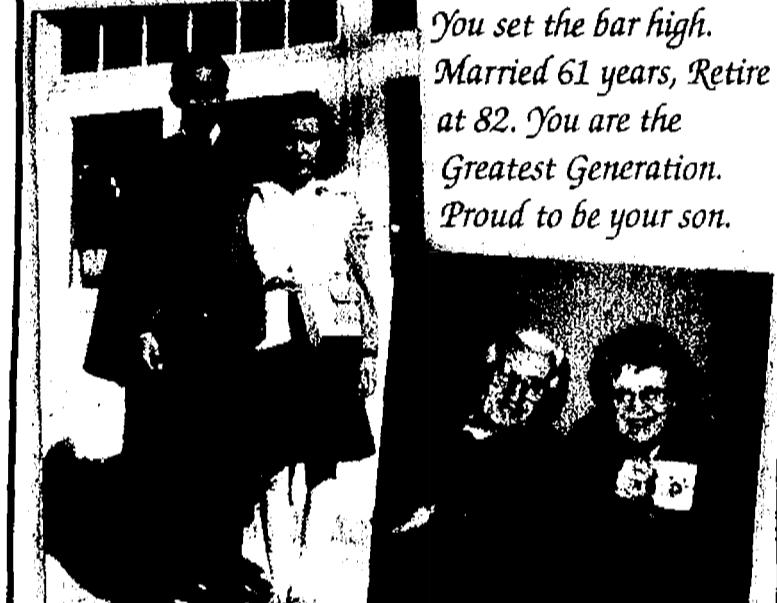
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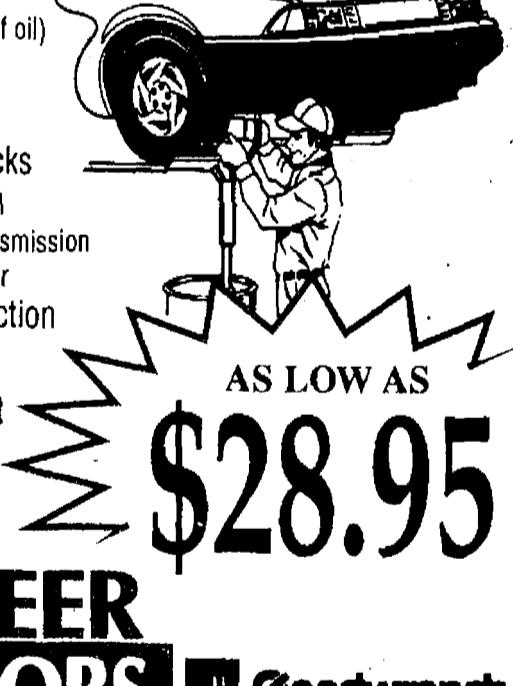
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9. Personals

6. Wanted

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FOR SALE 1997 Buick LaSabre

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11. Automotive

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8. Announcements

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10. Garage Sale

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11. Automotive

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Abbey Thomas shoots during a varsity girls basketball practice drill on Monday, Nov. 17.

Teams gearing up for winter sports seasons**Continued from 1B**

and LJ Mead (freshman coach). The boys started practicing on Monday, Nov. 17.

The freshman, JV, and varsity boys basketball squads will play a triple-header at Roscommon on Tuesday, Dec. 9, to start the 2008-09 season.

Sanchez said the two baseball programs were able to successfully share the gym last year, following the change that put both programs in the same season for the first time.

"Rich and Kelly coordinate gym times. They did a great job with it last year," Sanchez said. "We just work with the cards that are dealt to us and make the best of it."

Grayling hosted district tournaments for both boys and girls basketball last year. This year, the format for the tournaments will be a little bit different. The top team listed in the brackets following the draw will host the game, so one school will no longer be hosting all of the games for a district tournament.

"This year, they're drawing early. The top team is the home team, so we could host more district games.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is doing that to help cut down on travel and increase (gate) revenue," Sanchez said.

The GHS wrestling team, which has an active streak of two consecutive district championships, started its official practices for the

first time on Monday, Nov. 17.

The ski team's first meet of the 2008-09 season is set for Thursday, Jan. 8. The Vikings will host the Grayling Invitational on Friday, Jan. 16.

Grayling High School's cheerleading team, a group that will do both sideline cheering and competitive cheering this year, will be coached by Chris Sheldon.

The cheerleading squad started practicing on Monday, Nov. 10.



Lahken Maher drives to the basket during Monday night's practice.

Pool League**Women's Standings**

Frederic Inn. 78
Ramada II. 56
Gray Rock. 47
Ramada I. 31

Early Deadlines!**Avalanche publishing early for Thanksgiving holiday!**

The Crawford County Avalanche will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 25, so newsstand buyers and our local subscribers will receive the November 27th issue before the Thanksgiving holiday.

The deadline for all display ads is 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, to be considered for the Nov. 27th issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by noon Friday, Nov. 21. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by noon, Monday, Nov. 24.

The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and re-open at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28.

